

**CITY OF ROCHESTER  
COMMITTEE ON URBAN DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENT  
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The Committee on Urban Design and Environment (CUDE) met at 11:30 AM on Thursday, April 16, 2009 in Room 320 City Hall, Rochester, MN.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Judisch – Chair, John Klopp, Lindsey Meek, Terry Spaeth, Mark Jasmin, Pauline Walle, Mark Engel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Nora Dooley, Gail Eadie, Sandi Goslee, Dave Petersen, Jesse Wallace, Jean Weathers-Lowin Roger Nelson, Zach Thaler, Dick Abraham,

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Stephan Lewis, Barb Huberty, Allison Plute

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

Due to a lack of a quorum, the February and March minutes will be considered at the May meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Elements of Livable Communities – Stephan Lewis**

Mr. Lewis continued his presentation on the elements of livable communities, the presentation include a recap of March Presentation. Eventually, this is something CUDE could take to the City Council's Committee of the Whole meeting. Components include range of housing opportunities, benefits of density, live/work/walk, walkability, etc. A variety of transportation choices is vital; freedom of mobility vs freedom of access. We need to make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost-effective. Efforts can be made to strengthen and direct future development in locations of established community infrastructure and amenities. Opportunities for financial assistance in funding development include Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Tax Abetment, both are options that allow Communities to fund and thus direct development.

**Barb Huberty**

Ms. Huberty introduced Allison Plute. Allison Plute is a new employee within the Rochester Public Works Department tasked with the promoting and educating the public on the Storm water concerns for the City of Rochester.

**Adjourn – 1:15 PM; Next meeting will be May 21, 11:30 AM.**